(a) whether the Standing Advisory Committee of Experts (SACE) have submitted their recommendations in regard to jute packing of cement;

(b) if so, the recommendations thereof; and

(c) the action proposed thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The Standing Advisory Committee has recently submitted its recommendations to the Ministry of Textiles regarding packaging not only of cement but foodgrains, sugar and urea also in jute packaging material. Its recommendations are under consideration of the Government.

Production in the heavy industries sector

965. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the total production in the heavy industries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share of heavy industries in the total exports of the country;

(d) the average number of persons employed in the said industries during the last three years alongwith the details of capital invested therein by the end of March, 1996; and

(e) the number of said industrial units functioning at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) As per the Annual Survey of Industries, 1993-94, the total number of industrial units with an investment in Plant & Machinery of Rs. 5 crores and above were 15750. The total value of production of these units was Rs. 261212 crores. Total capital invested in these units was Rs. 261084 crores. These industries employed 3.688 million persons.

Based on the current industrial growth rates the total production of these units in 1995-96 at constant 1993-94 prices is estimated to be around Rs. 320 thousand crores. The total invested capital in these industries is estimated to be around Rs. 400 thousand crores. The total number of persons employed in these industries is estimated to have increased to 3.73 millions in 1995-96.

While the share of Heavy Industries in total export is not separately available the non SSI sector as a whole have a share of about 60% in total manufacturing export.

Problems faced by cement industry

966. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minsiter of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a RBI study has analysed that the cement production in 1996-97 is to be affected adversely by the increase in oil prices;

(b) the major problems being faced by the cement industry; and

(c) how Government intend to meet them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No such study has been conducted by RBI. However, while discussing in general about the cement industry in their "Report on Currency and Finance, 1995-96 Vol. I", RBI has mentioned that "given the high transport intensity of the cement industry, the cement production in 1996-97 is likely to be affected adversely by increase in oil prices."

(b) The major problems faced by cement industry are inadequate availability of good quality coal from indigenous sources, high cost of transportation and difficulty in timely movement of raw matrials as well as finished product and acute power shortage particularly in major cement producing States like Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Karnataka.

(c) The Government has taken many initiative for sorting out the problems of cement industry. Some of these are:—

(i) Launching of Own Your Wagons (OYW) Scheme by the Ministry of Railways for augmenting the availability of wagons for the cement industry;

(ii) Initiatives for setting up of Central Coal Washeries for improving the quality of coal for the cement industry;

(iii) Allowing the Cement industry to operate its own mines to ensure a steady supply of coal; and

(iv) Encouragement to cement plants for setting up Captive Power Plants to meet its power demand.

Restructuring of PSUs

967. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any programme for restructuring the public sector undertakings in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow up action taken by Goverment for the implementation of the programme to stregthen the PSUs and the results achieved?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) A rivival/ restructuring programme has been formulated for the enterprises under the administrative control of Ministry of Industry which includes inter-alia globalisation of specific enterprises, restructuring through joint venture for developing core competencies, additional benefits under VRS and setting up of a revolving fund out of disinvestment proceeds. The follow up actions have been initiated and these are continuous process.

Foreign Direct Investment proposals

968. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minsiter of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) total number of proposals together with total amount which have been approved, regarding Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) since the formation of present Government;

(b) how much FDI has actually been invested into the country so far;

(c) how does it compare with the targets fixed; and

(d) the reasons for the slow pace of investment?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) A total number of 940 Foreign Direct Investment proposals envisaging Rs. 24427.37 crores have been approved by the Government dur[illegible] period from July, 96 to December, 96.

Actual inflow of FDI during this period as reported by Reserve Bank of India is Rs. 4529.26 crores.

(c) and (d) There are no targets fixed by the Government for foreign investment. However, in view of the fact that the Common Minimum Programme states that the nation needs and has the capacity to absorb atleast $ 10 Billion a year as Foreign Direct Investment, Government is committed to substantially increasing the inflows of FDI into the country.

बिहार में स्थापित उद्योग

969. श्री नागमणि: क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1992 से लेकर अब तक बिहार में कितने उद्योगों की स्थापना की गयी है;

(ख) उपर्युक्त अवधि के दौरान कितने उद्योग बंद हो गए और इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) राज्य में और अधिक उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं और क्या बिहार राज्य में भूमिगत जल का स्तर बढ़ाने के लिए बिहार सरकार ने किसी योजना का प्रस्ताव किया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उक्त योजना की वर्तमान स्थिति और मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या हैं;

(ङ) क्या यह योजना देश के अन्य राज्यों में भी लागू की जायेगी;

(च) क्या सरकार ने उक्त योजना के कार्यान्वयन हेतु कोई अतिरिक्त वित्तीय संसाधन जुटाये हैं; और

(छ) केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा यह स्वीकृति कब तक प्रदान कर दी जायेगी?

उद्योग मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन): (क) और (ख) बिहार राज्य के संबंध में जारी किये गये आशय-पत्रों तथा दायर किये गये औद्योगिक उद्यमिता ज्ञापनों की संख्या इस प्रकार है:

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1992	6	57
1993	5	41
1994	6	37
1995	1	53
1996	11	44